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SUBJ: REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE ON SERIOUS POTENTIAL

TRADE DISPUTE IN ABU DHABI

REF: (A) ABU DHABI 2432, (B) ABU DHABI 2443,

(C) ABU DHABI 2472, (D) ABU DHABI 2475, (E) STATE 226540,

(F) STATE 227365, (G) STATE 224687, (NONE TO LONDON)

1. COMMERCIAL OFFICER ABU DHABI REQUESTS COMMERCIAL ATTACHE LONDON PASS TO DEPT AND TO EMBASSY ABU DHABI INFORMATION TO BE DELIVERED IN VISIT TO EMB LONDON ON MONDAY OR TUESDAY (SEPT 20 OR 21) BY MR. WARREN FOWLER. PLEASE ALSO INFORM FOWLER THAT MEETING AT DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS WHICH PEAVY AND TOWNSON REPRESENTATIVE IS TO ATTEND HAS BEEN DELAYED FOR SEPT 23 TO SATURDAY, OCTOBER 2. BACKGROUND IS AS FOLLOWS:

2. SERIOUS TRADE DISPUTE HAS BEEN BREWING IN ABU DHABI FOR PAST SEVERAL WEEKS. MR. JERRY CALHOUN IS OWNER/MANAGER OF ROAD PROJECT BEING WORKED FOR ABU DHABI DEPT. OF PUBLIC WORKS BY U.S. CONTRACTOR PEAVY AND TOWNSON FILL DIRT INC. HE LEFT ABU DHABI IN EARLY AUGUST TO RETURN TO U.S. FOR HIS INCOME TAX EVASION TRIAL. SINCE HIS DEPARTURE, ROAD PROJECT HERE HAS COME TO STANDSTILL, AND EMB BELIEVES DEPT. OF PUBLIC WORKS

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IS ON POINT OF CALLING 1.4 MILLION DOLLAR PERFORMANCE GUARANTEE.

3. AT EMBASSY URGING CALHOUN SENT A REPRESENTATIVE,
MR. WARREN FOWLER, TO ABU DHABI TO TRY TO STRAIGHTEN
THINGS OUT. FOWLER FOUND SITUATION HOPELESS, AND
THOUGH FOWLER WAS CARRYING DOCUMENTS EMPOWERING HIM TO
ACT ON CALHOUN'S BEHALF, HE REFUSED TO DO SO FOR FEAR
OF BEING DETAINED FOR ALLEGED ILLEGAL ACTIONS ALREADY
TAKEN BY CALHOUN'S FIRM. RECOILING FROM SNARL HERE,
FOWLER RETREATED TO LONDON TO CONFER WITH CALHOUN'S
ATTORNEY GRANT JONES (LONDON TEL 242-8953) AND BY
TELEPHONE, WITH CALHOUN.

4. EMB ABU DHABI HAS REQUESTED FOWLER TO PASS RESULTS
OF CONSULTATIONS WITH JONES AND CALHOUN TO COMMERCIAL
ATTACHE LONDON. WE EXPECT HIM TO CALL ON ATTACHE ON
MONDAY OR TUESDAY.

5. REFS A AND F (ONLY BEING REPEATED FOR LONDON.
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